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The Honorable Ajit Pai  
Federal Communications Commission  
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Dear Chairman Pai:

We thank the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) for its recent Order addressing certain High-Cost Universal Service Fund (USF) budget shortfalls. The recent Order is an essential near-term step in the right direction, but we encourage the FCC to adopt longer-term USF budget solutions that will ensure rural Americans the opportunity to obtain voice and broadband services on a basis that is reasonably comparable to what other Americans enjoy.

In multiple letters, Congress has expressed broad support for addressing High-Cost program shortfalls. In May 2017, nearly 160 Members of Congress wrote to the FCC, expressing concern about the impact of insufficient USF resources on rural consumers. In October 2017, nearly 75 Members of Congress asked the FCC to immediately address the budget shortfall and continue collecting the same USF budget levels for the High-Cost program pending development of a longer-term solution.

The FCC's recent Order approving an infusion of funds into the USF is greatly welcomed, but it also represents a recognition of, and an incomplete salve for, a more significant problem – the fact that the High-Cost USF program has been and remains insufficient (notwithstanding the recent injection of support). This persistent insufficiency is affecting the ability of smaller rural broadband providers to effectively deliver broadband services in the most rural areas of America. For example, we understand the FCC's cost model for smaller operators is still not funded at the levels as designed, while those smaller carriers that do not receive model support may face even steeper support cuts than before when the program's new "fiscal year" takes effect on July 1. For all the work just undertaken, these recurring budget shortfalls will yet again translate to lower speeds, more unserved locations, and higher prices for rural consumers and businesses.

To be clear, we greatly appreciate the steps taken by the FCC thus far to address such concerns. However, until longer-term budget solutions are addressed as well, many smaller operators will remain unable to offer high quality, affordable broadband to consumers across rural America. For these reasons, we encourage the FCC to act as soon as possible pursuant to the notice of proposed rulemaking included with the order to provide support that is both sufficient and predictable on a longer-term basis as mandated by statute.

Thank you for your consideration. We share your goal of eliminating the digital divide and look forward to working with you to ensure rural American consumers and businesses have access to quality, affordable broadband.


Sincerely,




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Member of Congress



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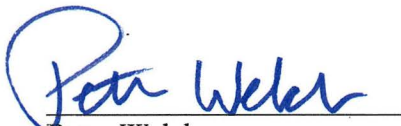
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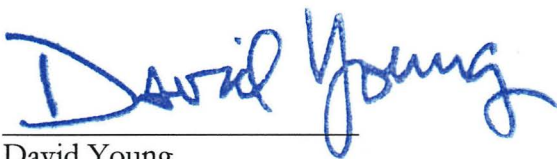
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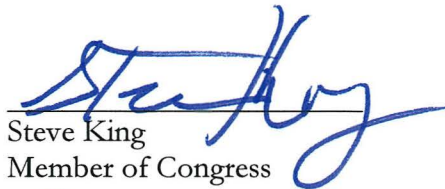
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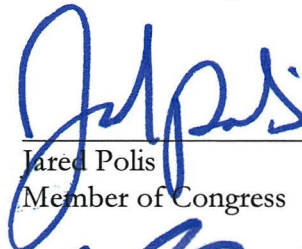
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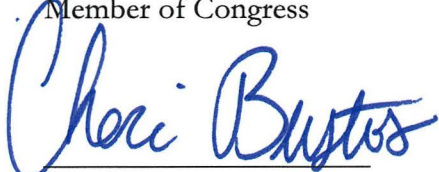
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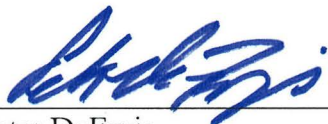
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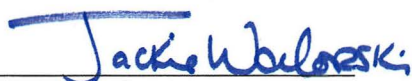
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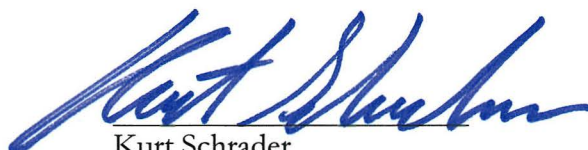
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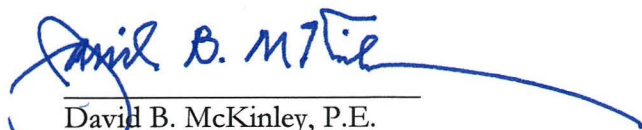


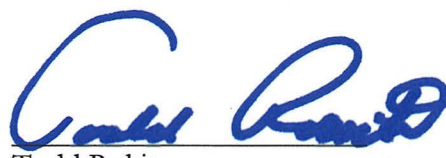
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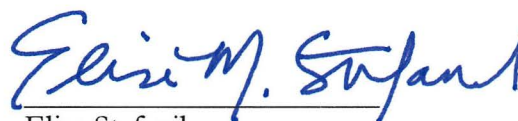
  
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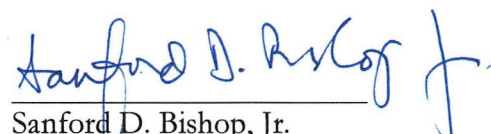
  
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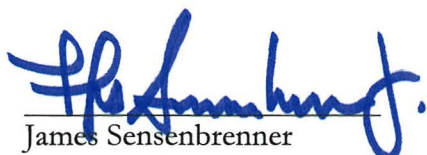
  
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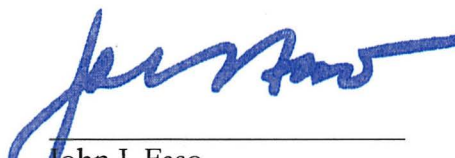
  
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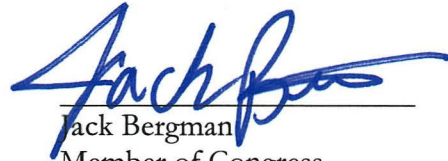
  
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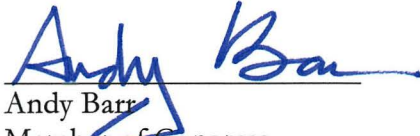




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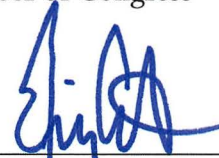
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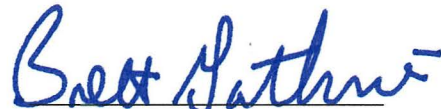
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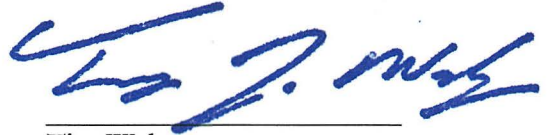
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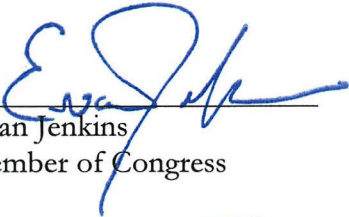
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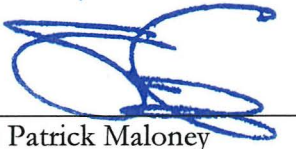
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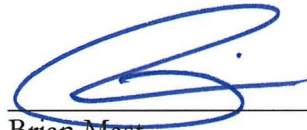
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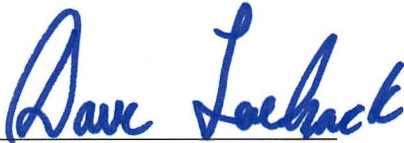
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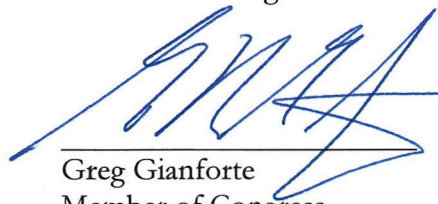
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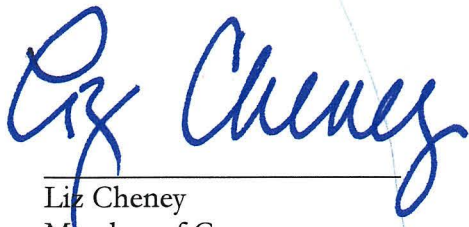
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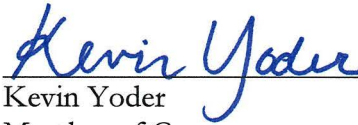
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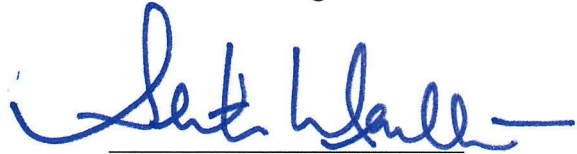
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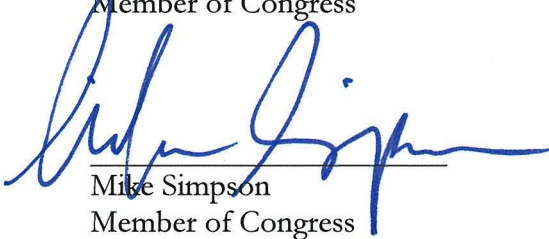
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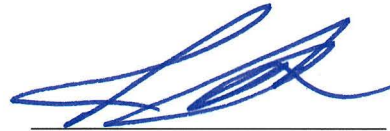
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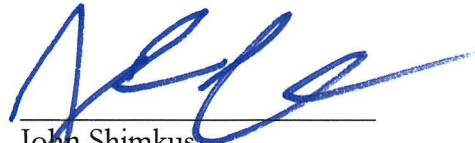
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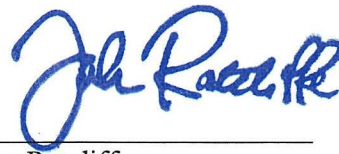
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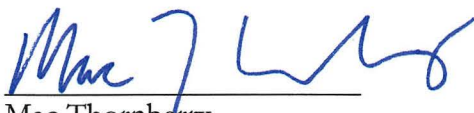


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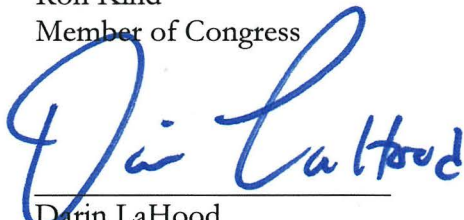
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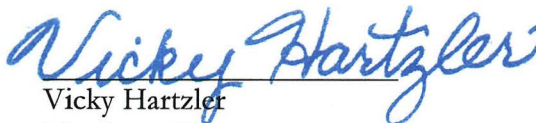
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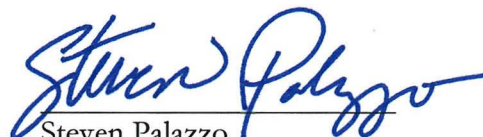
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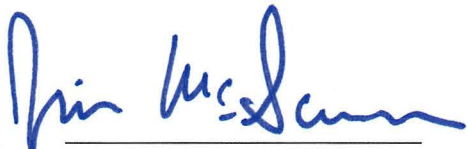
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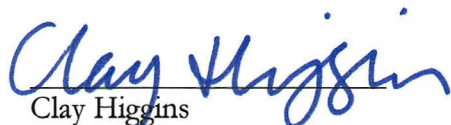
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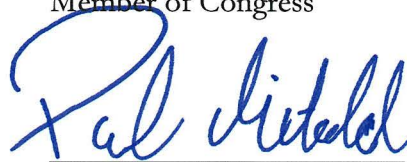
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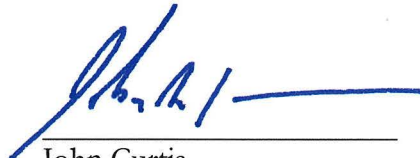
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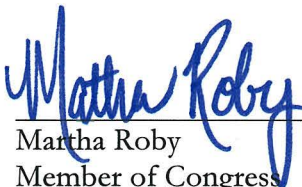
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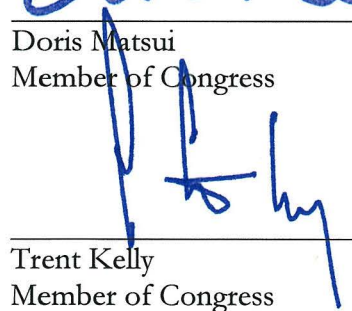
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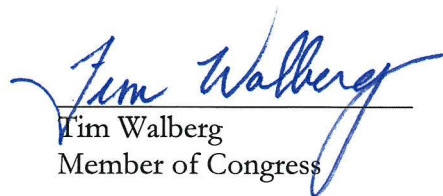
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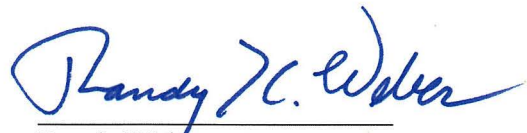
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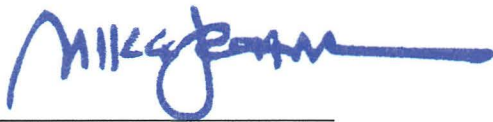
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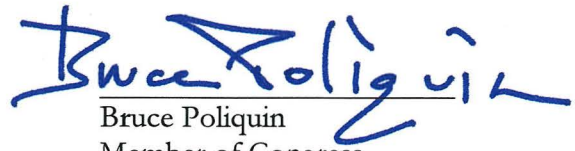
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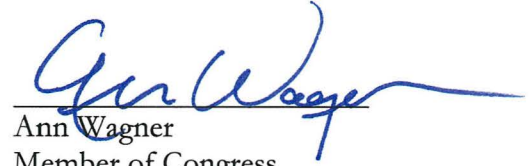
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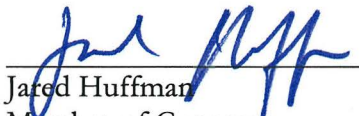
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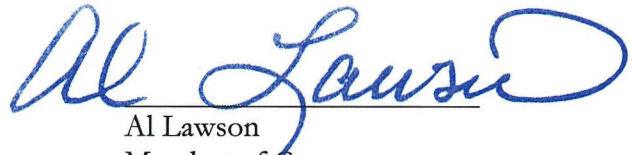
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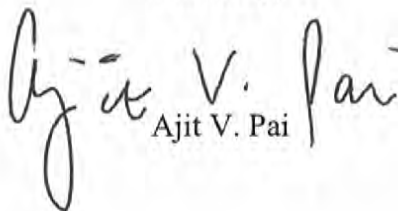
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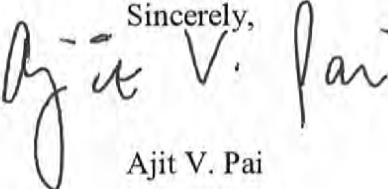
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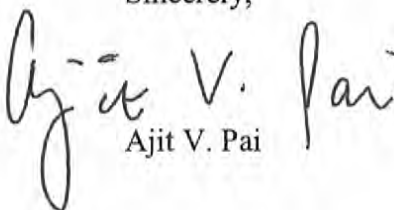
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July 23, 2018

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U.S. House of Representatives  
2303 Rayburn House Office Building  
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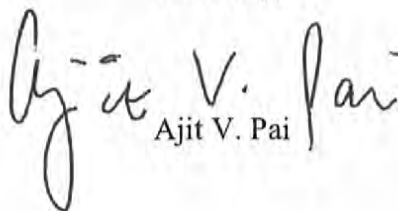
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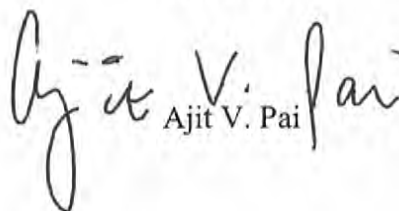
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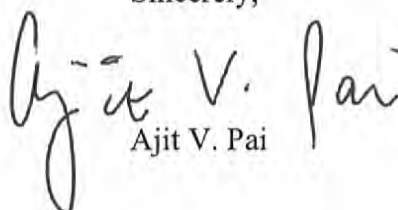
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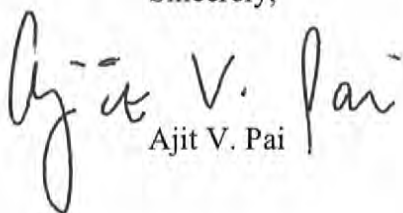
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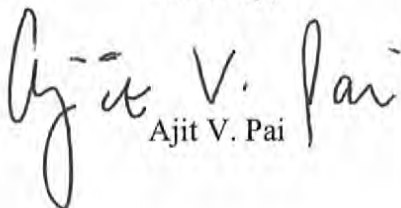
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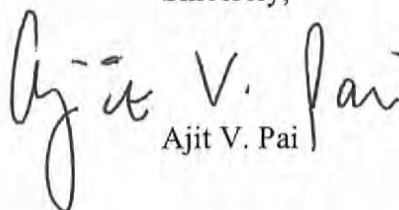
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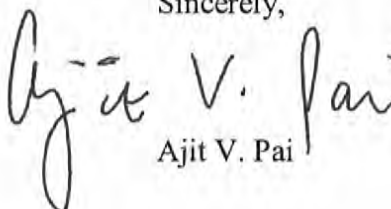
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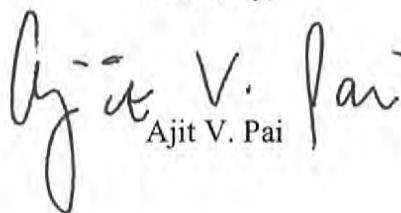
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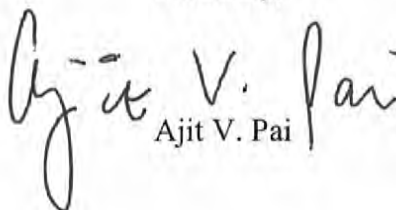
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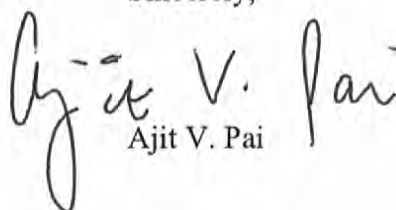
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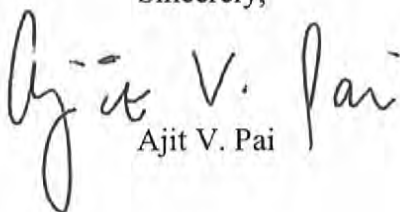
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The Honorable Sean P. Duffy  
U.S. House of Representatives  
2330 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

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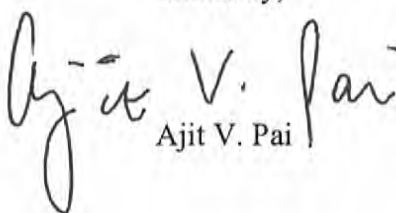
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419 Cannon House Office Building  
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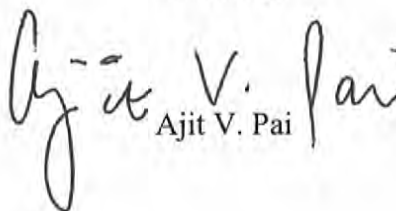
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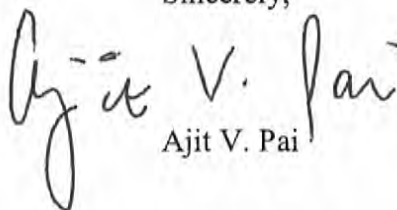
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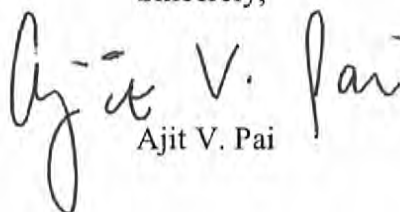
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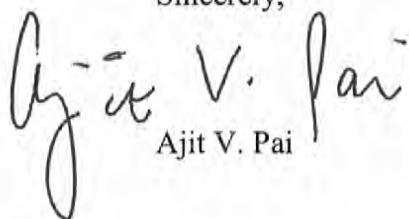
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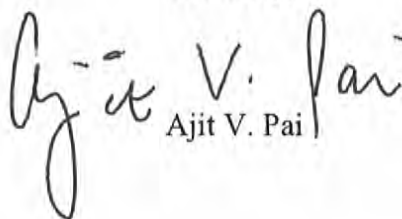
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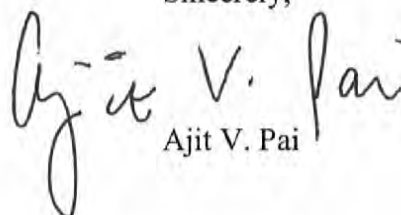
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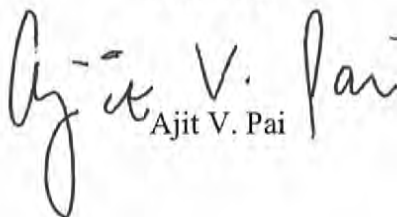
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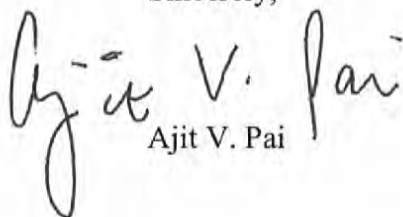
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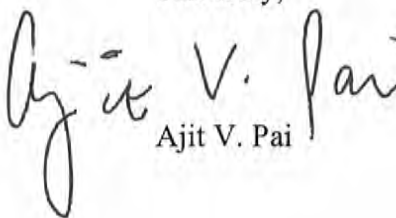
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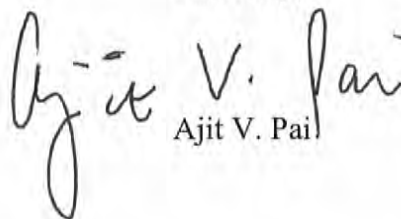
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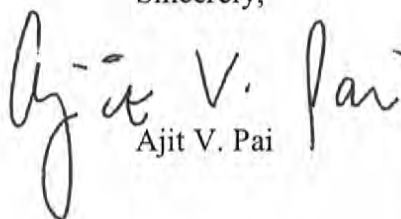
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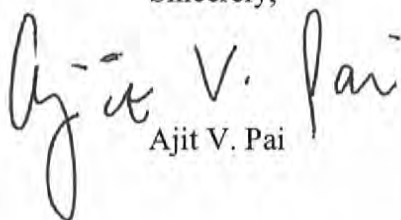
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U.S. House of Representatives  
2406 Rayburn House Office Building  
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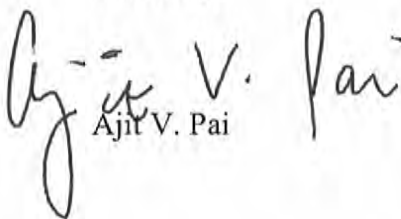
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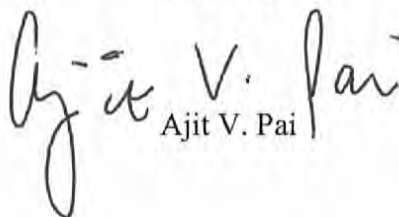
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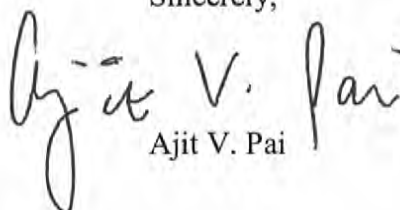
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The Honorable Mark Pocan  
U.S. House of Representatives  
1421 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

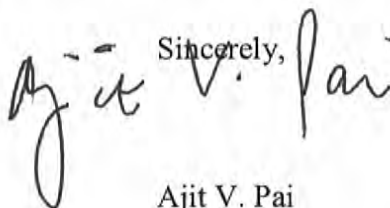
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U.S. House of Representatives  
2449 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

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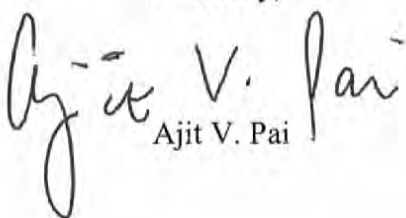
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U.S. House of Representatives  
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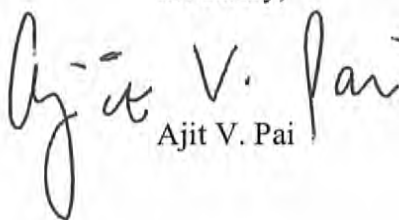
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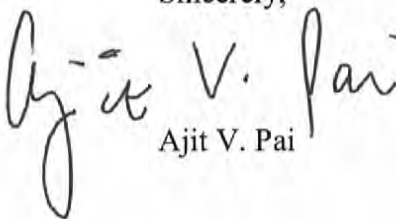
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1217 Longworth House Office Building  
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318 Cannon House Office Building  
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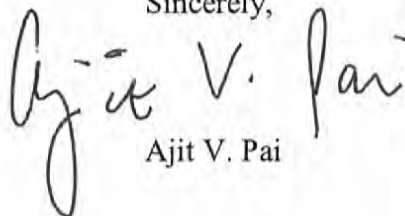
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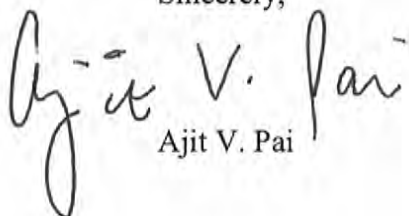
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U.S. House of Representatives  
1616 Longworth House Office Building  
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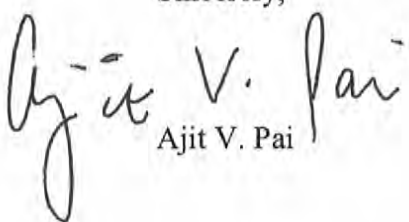
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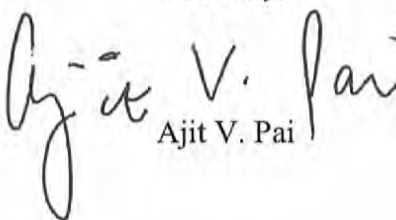
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July 23, 2018

The Honorable Andy Barr  
U.S. House of Representatives  
1427 Longworth House Office Building  
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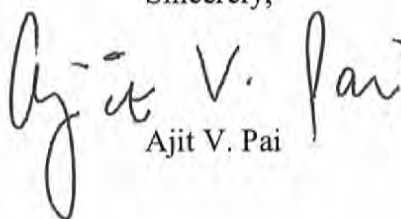
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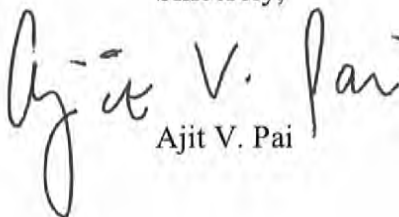
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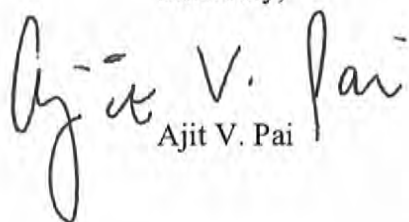
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1007 Longworth House Office Building  
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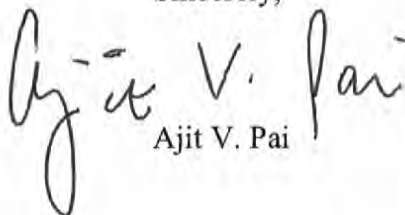
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U.S. House of Representatives  
1232 Longworth House Office Building  
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July 23, 2018

The Honorable Diana DeGette  
U.S. House of Representatives  
2368 Rayburn House Office Building  
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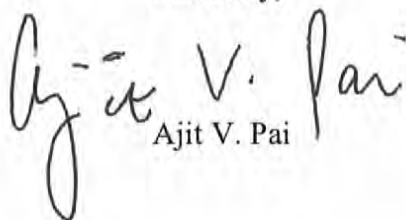
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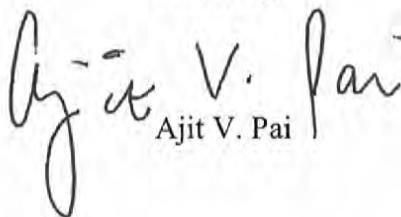
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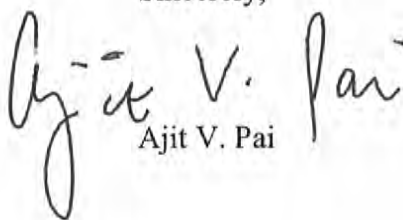
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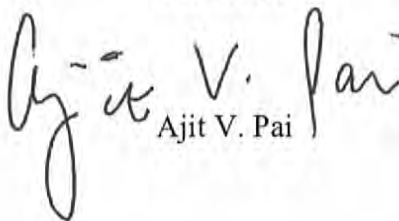
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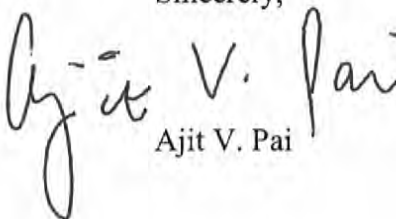
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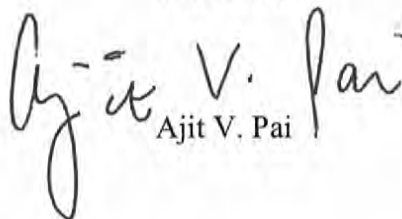
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July 23, 2018

The Honorable Ryan Costello  
U.S. House of Representatives  
326 Cannon House Office Building  
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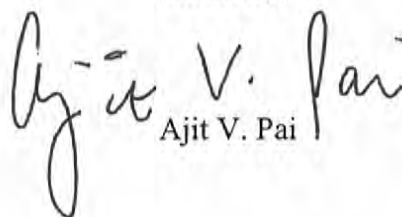
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2227 Rayburn House Office Building  
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U.S. House of Representatives  
1005 Longworth House Office Building  
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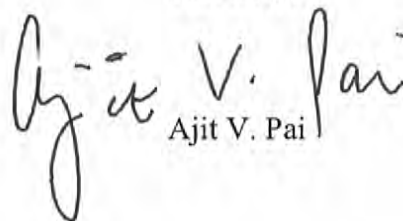
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1609 Longworth House Office Building  
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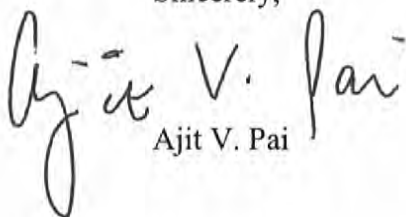
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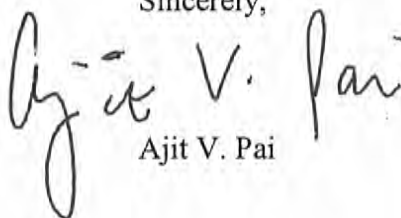
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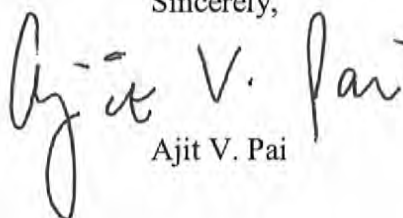
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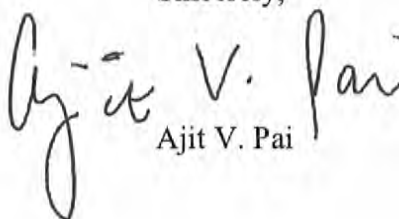
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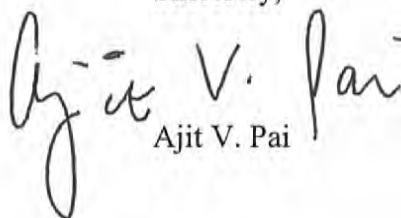
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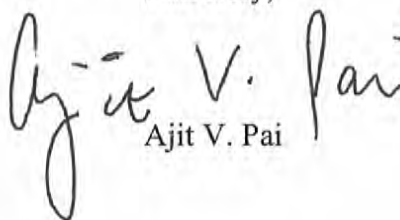
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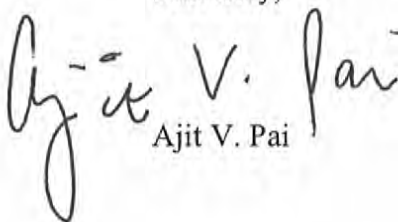
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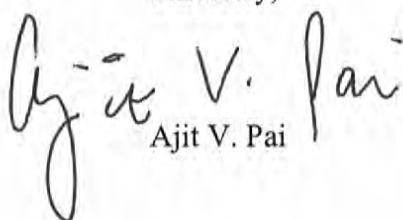
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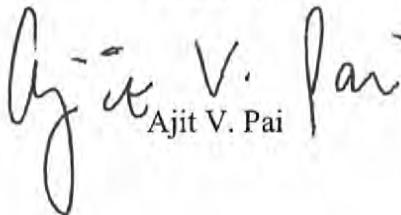
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July 23, 2018

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U.S. House of Representatives  
2182 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

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U.S. House of Representatives  
128 Cannon House Office Building  
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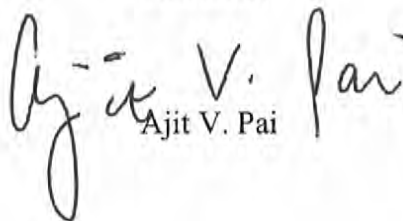
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1710 Longworth House Office Building  
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July 23, 2018

The Honorable Greg Gianforte  
U.S. House of Representatives  
1419 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

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July 23, 2018

The Honorable Liz Cheney  
U.S. House of Representatives  
416 Cannon House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

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July 23, 2018

The Honorable Carol Shea-Porter  
U.S. House of Representatives  
1530 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

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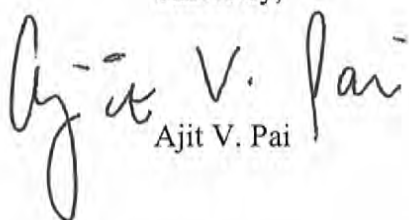
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U.S. House of Representatives  
218 Cannon House Office Building  
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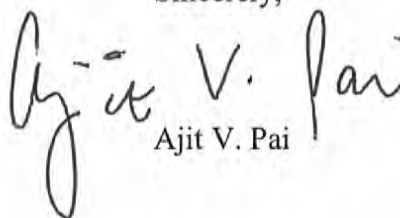
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130 Cannon House Office Building  
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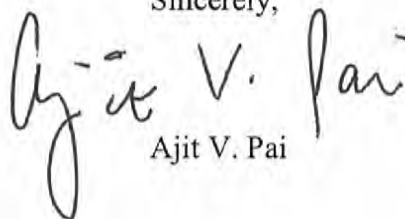
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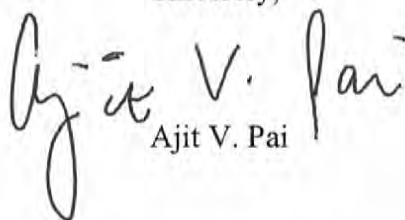
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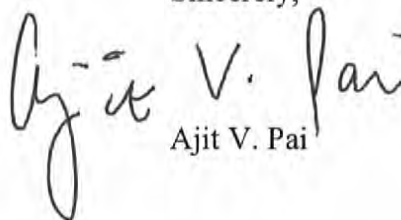
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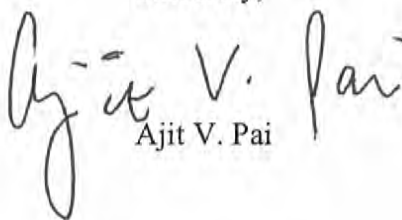
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July 23, 2018

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U.S. House of Representatives  
1113 Longworth House Office Building  
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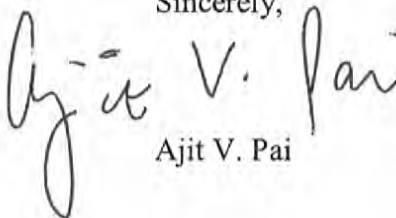
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U.S. House of Representatives  
1408 Longworth House Office Building  
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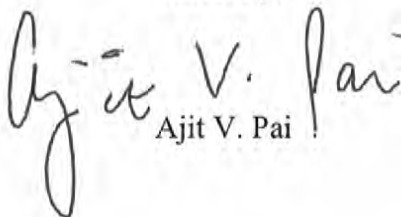
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U.S. House of Representatives  
1740 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

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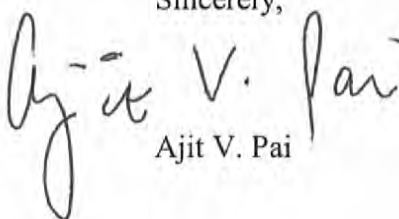
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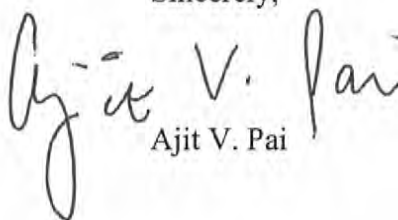
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2217 Rayburn House Office Building  
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U.S. House of Representatives  
325 Cannon House Office Building  
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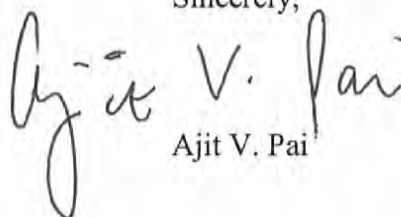
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U.S. House of Representatives  
2208 Rayburn House Office Building  
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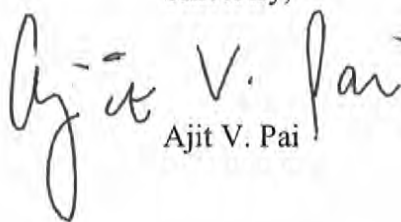
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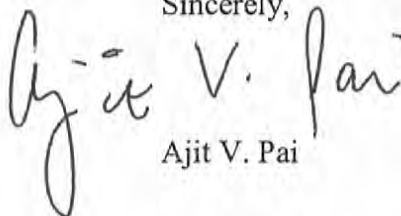
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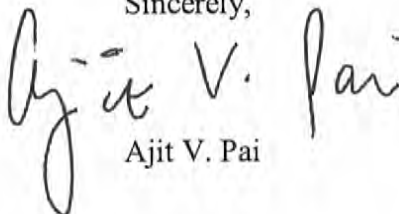
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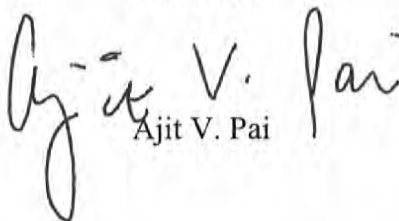
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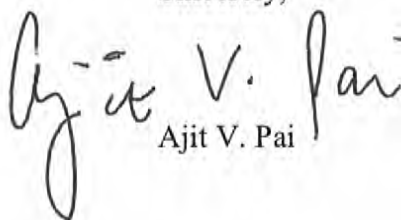
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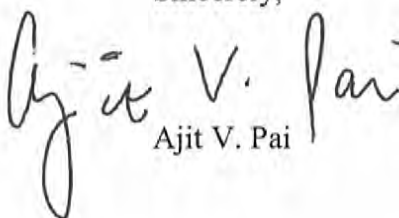
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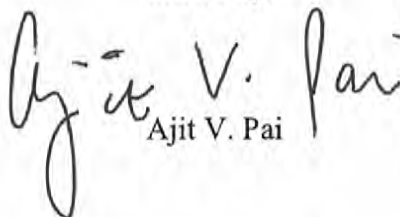
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July 23, 2018

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U.S. House of Representatives  
1130 Longworth House Office Building  
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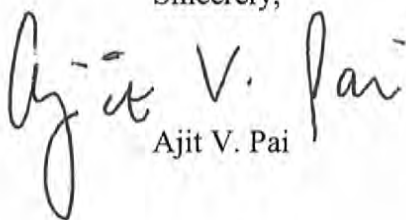
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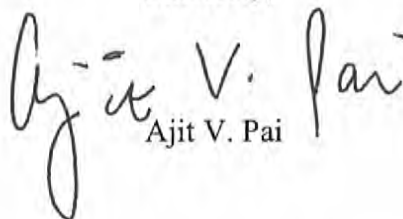
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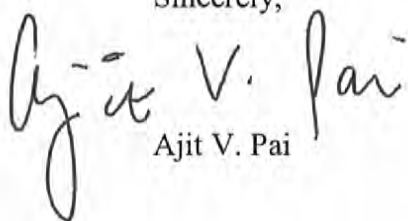
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U.S. House of Representatives  
2349 Rayburn House Office Building  
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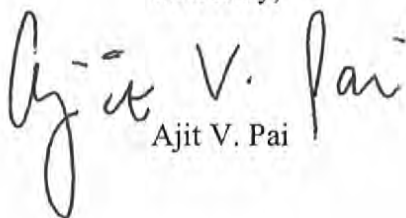
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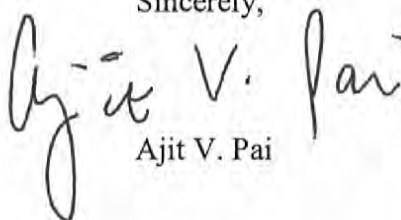
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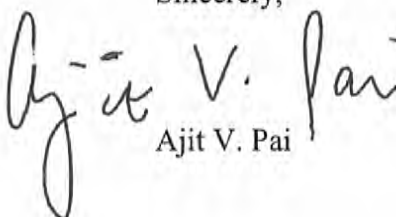
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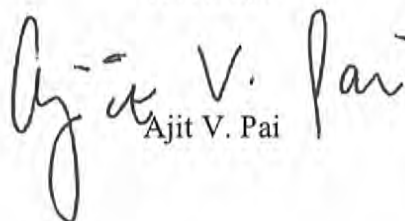
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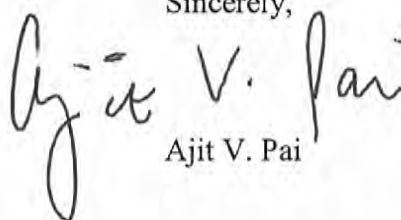
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217 Cannon House Office Building  
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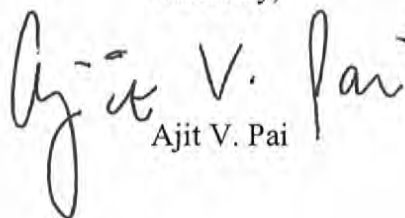
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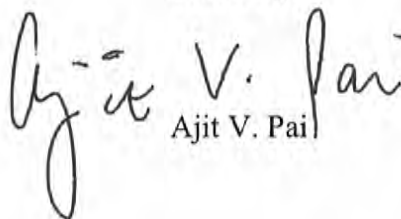
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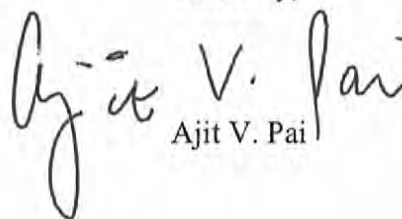
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July 23, 2018

The Honorable Martha Roby  
U.S. House of Representatives  
442 Cannon House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

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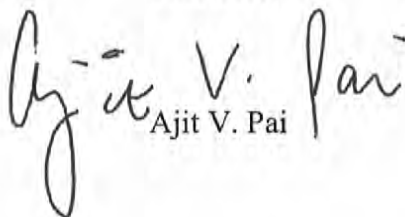
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The Honorable French Hill  
U.S. House of Representatives  
1229 Longworth House Office Building  
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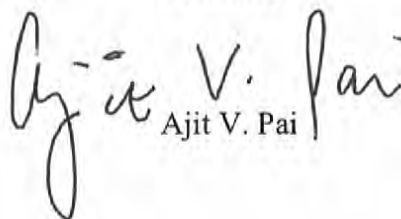
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U.S. House of Representatives  
223 Cannon House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

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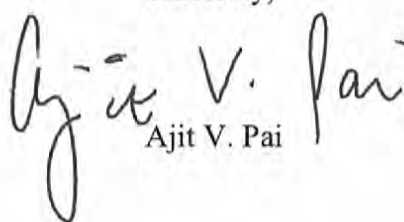
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U.S. House of Representatives  
2133 Rayburn House Office Building  
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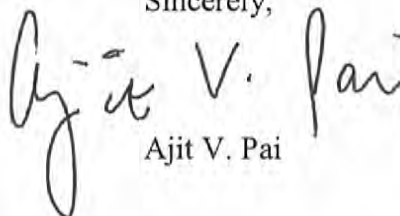
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U.S. House of Representatives  
211 Cannon House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

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July 23, 2018

The Honorable Raul Ruiz  
U.S. House of Representatives  
1319 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

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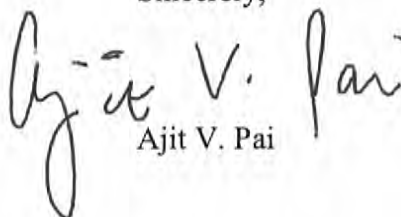
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U.S. House of Representatives  
2236 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

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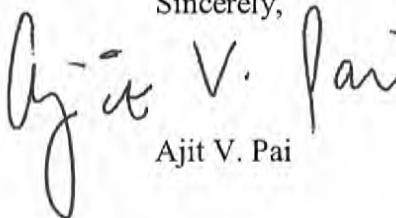
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U.S. House of Representatives  
2311 Rayburn House Office Building  
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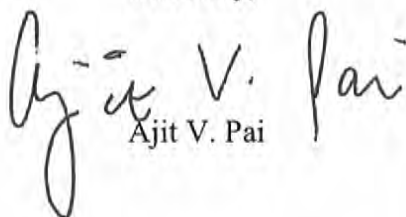
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1721 Longworth House Office Building  
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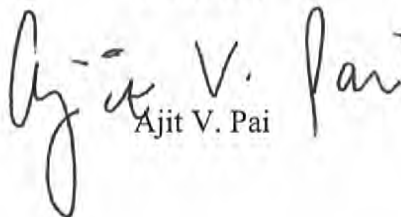
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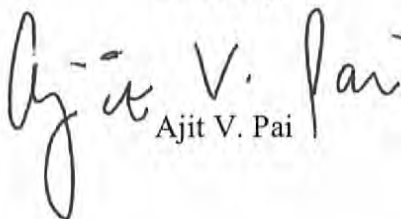
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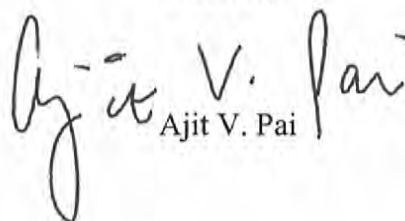
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327 Cannon House Office Building  
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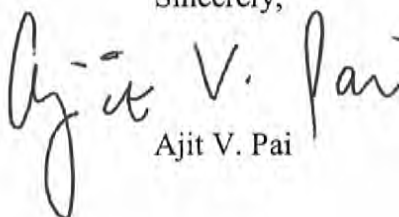
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222 Cannon House Office Building  
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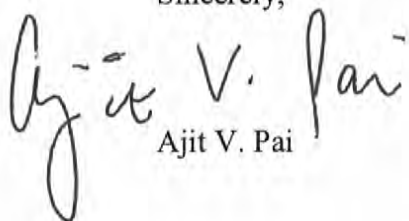
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1406 Longworth House Office Building  
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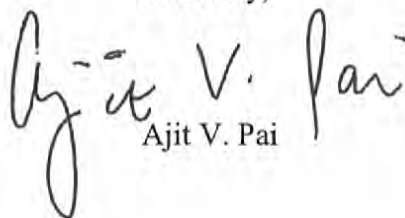
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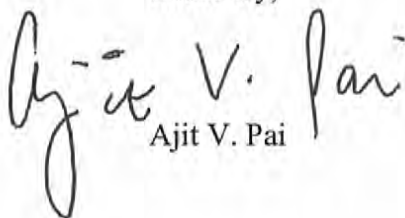
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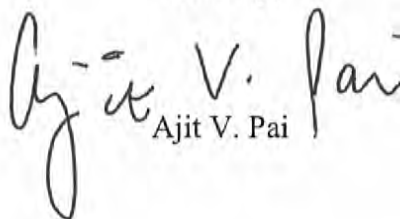
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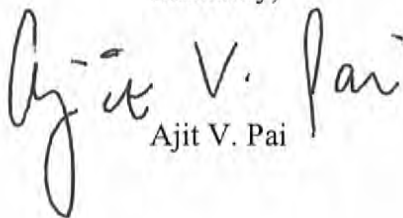
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